

Video: Why does America love guns? 'till 1min25

The United States is well-known for its love of _____. With more guns per resident than any other country on earth, the US also suffers from the highest number of gun _____ per capita. So why does America love guns so much?

Well the basis for the US's gun policy is the Second Amendment to the United States' Constitution. It states: "A well-regulated militia being _____ to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." Since it was written in _____, gun control laws have been narrowed down and vary from _____ to _____. However, Americans' love of guns still comes from their early _____.

The Founding Fathers understood that in most conflicts, the more powerfully armed force usually _____. The Second Amendment was intended to fight tyrannical _____, defend against invaders and guarantee the right to self-_____. The right to self-defense is actually found in the British Common Law on which the Founders based much of the constitution. Inherent in America's birth is the idea that freedom and _____ must be defended with _____.

Today although the political and military _____ has changed, many Americans continue to associate freedom with gun ownership. Pro-gun advocates, such as the National Rifle Association, argue that guns allow people to _____ themselves against criminals with guns.

Vocabulary:

Per capita: par habitant / **A policy** : une politique / **Militia**: milice / **To bear arms**: porter des armes ; **Shall not be infringed**: ne devra pas être enfreint, bafoué / **Founding Fathers**: Pères fondateurs ; **To be intended to**: avoir pour but / **Ownership**: propriété; possession / **Advocates**: défenseur.

1. In your opinion, what sentence from the text best explains America's love for guns?

WHAT IS THE NRA?

Founded in 1871, the National Rifle Association (NRA) claims to have 5 million members. These gun rights advocates form a very powerful political force, which lobbies against gun control and argues that more guns make the country safer.

The NRA strongly supports legislation expanding gun rights such as "open-carry" laws, which allow gun owners to carry their weapons, unconcealed, in most public places. It relies on the Second Amendment to say that everyone can bear arms.

After the Sandy Hook school shooting in 2012, the NRA's vice president Wayne LaPierre famously declared that "the only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun."

to lobby : faire pression/ **to argue** : affirmer, prétendre / **open-carry** : port d'armes visibles / **unconcealed** : non dissimulé / **in the aftermath of** : au lendemain de / **bill** : projet de loi / **bump stock** : dispositif sous forme de crosse amovible, utilisant l'énergie du recul de l'arme pour imprimer un mouvement de va-et-vient extrêmement rapide au fusil et augmenter la cadence de tir.

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3. A proposed new law that is discussed and then voted on.
4. To persuade that a particular law should be changed or that a particular thing should be done
6. Someone who recommends an idea publicly.

1. Which amendment talks about guns?
2. A gun with a long barrel.
5. To forbid, to state officially that something must not be done, shown, or used.